

OCOEE CITY COMMISSION

Ocoee Commission Chambers
1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

August 19, 2025

MINUTES

6:15 PM

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

• CALL TO ORDER 6:15 PM

Mayor Johnson called the regular session to order at 6:15 PM in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The invocation was led by Ages Hart, *Ocoee Resident*, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by **Mayor Johnson**. **City Clerk Sibbitt** called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Present: Mayor Johnson, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Wilsen, Commissioner Firstner, and Commissioner Oliver

Also Present: City Manager Shadrix, City Attorney Geller, and City Clerk Sibbitt

• PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - None

• STAFF REPORTS AND AGENDA REVIEW 6:16 PM

City Manager Shadrix announced that the staff report presented at the August 5th City Commission regarding the 2026 Holiday Schedule, and the cancellation of three (3) meeting dates contained a scrivener's error. It incorrectly referred to the approval of the September 8th meeting following the Labor Day holiday as a City Commission Meeting, when it should have stated that it was the cancellation of a Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting. No further action is required as this is for clarification purposes only. He further announced the First Budget Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00 PM in the Ocoee Commission Chambers.

• PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:18 PM

The following persons addressed the City Commission:

- **Dr. Jim Moyer**, *Orange Soil and Water District 2 Supervisor*, announced that Orange Soil and Water Conservation District is celebrating 80 years of service to Orange County from June 2025 until June 2026. He also presented a PowerPoint on the global climate change crisis and Starke Lake.
- **Norine Dworkin**, *Editor-in-Chief of Vox Populi*, reminded everyone of the special election being held on September 2nd and the deadlines for mail in ballots and early voting. She encouraged everyone to vote and announced her website information for those interested in viewing interviews with the candidates.

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• **CONSENT AGENDA 6:23 PM**

Consent Agenda Motion

Motion: Move to adopt Consent Agenda Items #1-13; Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Oliver; Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Commission Meeting held August 5, 2025. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
2. Approval of Reappointment of a Trustee to the General Employees' Pension Board. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
3. Approval of Reappointment of a Trustee to the Police Officer's/Firefighters' Pension Board. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
4. Approval to Ratify Appointment of the Fifth Trustee to the Police Officer's/Firefighters' Pension Board. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
5. Approval to Opt In the Opioid Litigation Settlement and Receive Funds. **(City Attorney Geller)**
6. Approval of the Certification of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Stormwater Inclusion on the Orange County Tax Roll for FY 2025/2026. **(City Engineer Womack)**
7. Approval of Renewal of Agreement with Digitech for Medical Billing Services. **(Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp)**
8. Approval to Purchase Firefighting Bunker Gear Ensembles from Morning Pride via Sourcewell and Designate Morning Pride as a Sole Source Provider. **(Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp)**
9. Approval of Ratification of the Police Officers and Sergeants Collective Bargaining Agreement. **(Human Resources Director Wilson)**
10. Approval of Award for ITB 25-008 Ocoee Action Sports Skate Park Artificial Turf Project. **(Procurement Manager Tolbert)**
11. Approval of the Certification of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Solid Waste Inclusion on the Orange County Tax Roll for FY 2025/2026. **(Public Works Director Krug)**
12. Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Contracted Sidewalk Repairs with APEC, LLC. **(Public Works Director Krug)**
13. Approval for the Endorsement of Eligible Projects under the Resilient Florida Program. **(Public Works Director Krug)**

• **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE - None**

• **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING 6:23 PM**

14. Second Reading of Ordinances for 977 East Crown Point Road - Showers of Grace Evangelical Christian Mission Inc. Property Annexation & Rezoning from Orange County A-1 (Citrus Rural District) to City of Ocoee RCE-2 (Rural Country Estates District); Project No. AX-05-25-06 & RZ-25-05-06. **(Planner I Belizaire)**

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Planner Belizaire presented a brief overview of the subject parcel located at 977 East Crown Point Road. The property is logical and eligible for annexation and will further the City's efforts to reduce enclaves within the city limits. The property is currently zoned County A-1 with Low Density Residential (LDR) designation on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM). A rezoning to conventional City RCE-2 is proposed, with the property maintaining its current LDR designation. City water is available; however, a water main will need to be extended to the north property line and a public hydrant installed with an automatic flusher device. Both the Development Review Committee (DRC) and Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) recommended approval of the annexation, and rezoning with the condition that the submittal of an off-site plan for the extension of the water main, including a fire hydrant and flushing apparatus, is provided to the City.

City Attorney Geller read the title of the ordinances.

The public hearing was opened. As no one wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Kennedy commented on the condition of approvals and inquired if the site plan had been submitted. He also questioned what the outcome would be if the ordinances were approved but the required submittals are not provided to the City. **Planner Belizaire** and **Development Services Deputy Director Whitfield** addressed his concern.

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2025-17 for 977 East Crown Point Road. - Showers of Grace Evangelical Christian Mission Inc. Property Annexation, Project No. AX-05-25-06, as presented by staff; Moved by Commissioner Firstner, Seconded by Commissioner Wilsen; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2025-18 for 977 East Crown Point Road. - Showers of Grace Evangelical Christian Mission Inc. Property Rezoning, Project Number RZ-25-05-06, with the condition that the submittal of an off-site plan for the extension of the water main, including a fire hydrant and flushing apparatus is provided to the City; Moved by Commissioner Kennedy, Seconded by Commissioner Oliver; Motion carried 5-0.

• **PUBLIC HEARING** - None

• **REGULAR AGENDA 6:33 PM**

15. Update and Direction on Orange County Redistricting Mapping. (**Angel de la Portilla**) **Angel de la Portilla**, *Orange County Redistricting Advisory Committee Member*, provided an overview of the redistricting process to establish new district boundaries and incorporate two additional districts within Orange County. He presented the seven (7) proposed maps currently available for public review and shared the upcoming meeting dates for both the Orange County Redistricting Committee and the Orange County Board of Commissioners, the body responsible for approving the final map. He also noted that neighboring cities, including Maitland, Winter Park, and Winter Garden, have submitted their preferred map choices to the Redistricting Committee. Each map was reviewed and discussed in detail, and **Mr. de la Portilla** addressed any questions from the City Commission. The City Commission's discussion

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on map selection focused on remaining within District 2, maintaining alignment with neighboring cities like Winter Garden, Oakland, and Apopka, and staying connected with communities that share similar issues and concerns.

Motion: Move to express support for Map 2 as the Ocoee City Commission's recommended map for the Orange County Redistricting process, and to submit a Resolution of Support on behalf of the City; Moved by Commissioner Kennedy, Seconded by Commissioner Firstner; Motion carried 5-0.

City Manager Shadrix recognized Alex de la Portilla, who was in the audience. He advised that he has been instrumental in assisting his father, Angel de la Portilla, and in assisting the City with tax reform efforts. He used a lot of his technical knowledge to create concise presentation materials in a quick time frame. He will be going back to graduate school to pursue his Master of Public Administration degree at Florida State University.

Mayor Johnson announced the upcoming City Events for the months of August and September.

• **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS 7:26 PM**

Commissioner Kennedy – None

Commissioner Oliver – Commented on the following: 7:26 PM

- 1) Urged residents to be prepared for an active hurricane season.
- 2) Read an inspirational quote.

Commissioner Firstner - None

Commissioner Wilsen – Commented on the following: 7:26 PM

- 1) Announced the upcoming Shred to Protect event on September 13th.

Mayor Johnson – Commented on the following: 7:27 PM – 7:31 PM

- 1) Expressed his concerns with areas being unkempt within the city, specifically in District 3. **City Manager Shadrix** confirmed that actions have been put into motion to address these issues.
- 2) Expressed concerns with congestion on and around Bluford Avenue during school drop off and pickup times. **City Manager Shadrix** asked the City Commission to direct him to request the School Board to conduct an operational analysis of the traffic patterns surrounding the school. **Consensus of the City Commission was to approve the City Manager to request an operational analysis of the traffic patterns conducted by the School Board in and around Bluford Avenue.**

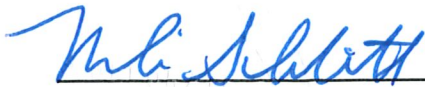
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• ADJOURNMENT 7:32 PM

APPROVED:

Attest:

City of Ocoee



Melanie Sibbitt, City Clerk



Rusty Johnson, Mayor